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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6265**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1172

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 1, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 30, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Information on Pain and Anesthetic for a Fetus.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Harris T

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Drozda

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill provides that informed consent to an abortion includes the requirement that a physician inform a pregnant woman that: (1) a fetus may feel pain; (2) an anesthetic or other painkilling medication is not currently medically possible until the fetus has reached a probable gestational age of at least 20 weeks; however, if medical practice changes to allow a fetus to receive anesthetic or other painkilling medication earlier than 20 weeks, the provider shall inform the woman of the option; (3) an anesthetic or other painkilling medication may be provided during an abortion to a fetus with a probable gestational age of at least 20 weeks; and (4) insurance may or may not cover the service. The bill provides further that notice must be given in writing at least 18 hours before an abortion concerning the availability of adoptions, physical risks to the woman in having an abortion, and that human life begins when a human ovum is fertilized by a human sperm.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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